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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
ON ROK-JAPAN SETTLEMENT OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL ADDRESSED A SPECIAL NOVEMBER 5 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION TO EXPLAIN HIS RECENT TRIP TO JAPAN FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. KIM SPOKE IN A SUBDUED VOICE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, ANNOUNCING THAT THE ROK-JAPAN CONTROVERSY IS OVER AND THAT HE HAD BROUGHT A PERSONAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK FROM TANAKA EXPRESSING REGRET OVER THIS "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL CASE". HE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CONTROVERSY IS OVER, THE CASE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD BUSINESS WITH THE GOJ IN ADDITION TO THE KIM CASE. INCLUDING UN STRATEGY, REPATRIATION OF SAKHALIN KOREANS, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES AGREED TO PLENARY

ASSEMBLY SESSION FOLLOWING SHARP NDP CRITICISM  
IBBCXTYQTOHE SETTLEMENT DEGRADING TO ROK HONOR  
AND PRESTIGE AND TERMING KIM'S VISIT TO  
JAPAN TANTAMOUNT TO ADMISSION OF ROKG INVOLVEMENT.  
THIS CRITICISM CULMINATED IN NDP DEMANDS FOR A  
SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION, AND A NOVEMBER 21  
BUDGET SESSSION BOYCOTT.

4. EXTENSIVE INTERPELLATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR  
NOVEMBER 6. FIVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN WILL  
QUESTION THE GOVERNMENT; ONE EACH FROM DRP,  
YUCHONGHOE, AND INDEPENDENTS, AND TWO  
FROM THE NDP.

5. NDP OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NDP  
EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO CALL  
FOR RESIGNATIONS OF PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER,  
JUSTICE MINISTER AND HOME MINISTER: IF POSSIBLE,  
SUCH A RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING  
NOVEMBER 6 INTERPOLATIONS. NDP SOURCE EARLIER  
INDICATED PARTY WOULD ATTEMPT MAJOR ATTACK ON  
GOVERNMENT IN ASSEMBLY. NDP HOPEFUL THAT  
GOVERNMENT SIDE WILL BE INHIBITED FROM  
SUPPRESSING THEIR CRITICISM, GIVEN CURRENT PUBLIC  
MOOD.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OPPOSITION CHARACTERIZATION  
OF PRIME MINISTER'S JAPAN TRIP AS "MISSION OF  
SHAME" HAS NOMINAL ANTI-JAPANESE OVERTONES,  
GOVERNMENT CRITICS ARE USING THIS AS TACTIC  
TO ATTACK ROKG, POINTING OUT THAT AN APOLOGY TO  
JAPAN IS AN ADMISSION OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT.  
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